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FOLLOWING REPEAT DIRECTOR FBI 12 ACTION
SECSTATE US SECRET SERVICE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CRIMINAL DIVISION AND INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION AND
GENERAL CRIMES SECTION. QUOTE:

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UNSUB; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RENTED VEHICLE, BEING DRIVEN BY
ELI MATALON, MINISTER OF SECURITY, AND JUSTICE, JAMACIA,
BRITISH WEST INDIES; MIAMI FLA. AUGUST 15, 1974.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY BY
THOMAS BRODIE, CRIMINALIST, DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPART-
MENT, ON AUGUST 15, 1974.

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 PM, ON AUGUST 15, ELI MATALON MINISTER
OF SECURITY AND JUSTICE, JAMACIA, BRITISH WEST INDIES, DISCOVERED
A HAND GRENADE WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER BENEATH THE RIGHT FRONT
SEAT OF A VEHICLE HE HAD RENTED WHILE VISITING MIAMI. AT THE
TIME OF DISCOVERY MATALON HAD JUST COMPLETED A VISIT TO THE
OFFICE OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION LOCATED AT THE
KOGER EXECUTIVE CENTER, ON N.W. 87TH AVE., IN MIAMI. UNITS
OF THE OCPD RESPONDED TO THE SCENE, AND FOUND THE DEVICE
TO BE A RUSSIAN MADE HAND GRENADE FROM WHICH THE PIN HAD BEEN
REMOVED. THE GRENADE WAS WRAPPED IN A SHEET OF NEWSPAPER
FROM THE AUGUST 15, EDITION OF THE MIAMI HERALD, A DAILY NEWSPAPER
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IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE ARMING LEVEL WAS HELD IN A SAFE POSITION,

IN WHICH UNWRAPPING THE NEWSPAPER WOULD HAVE RELEASED THE LEVEL,
ARMING THE GRENADE AND CAUSING IT TO EXPLODE. THE PIN WAS
ON THE FLOOR NEARBY. FURTHER EXAMINATION REVEALED THAT THE
GRENADE HAD BEEN RELOADED WITH SMOKELESS POWDER, AND CONTAINED
A LENGTH OF RED COLORED SAFETY FUSE BELIEVE TO BE OF FOREIGN
MANUFACTURE. BRODIE ALSO ADVISED THAT MATALON WHO HAS BEEN
VISITING IN MIAMI FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS HAD RECENTLY
REPORTED A RECEIPT OF A BOMB THREAT TRANSMITTED BY UNKNOWN
MEANS TO HIS DEPARTMENT. MATALON CURRENTLY STAYING AT COCONUT
GROVE HOTEL IN MIAMI.

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